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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid

Dispensers

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED March 10, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Illene Courtright, Professional Member, President
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Michael Michelli, Professional Member
Regina Bilton, Professional Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member
Carol Guilbert, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

George Christensen, Public Member Maisha Britt, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Courtright called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 13, 2010 meeting. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINSHED BUSINESS

Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the revised strategic plan prepared by Ms. Heeney. She added a goal to the strategic plan to review and possibly revise the Board's list of substantially related crimes. Dr. Michelli commented on some of the initiatives being implemented by Pennsylvania's licensing board such as developing telepractice guidelines and sending electronic news letters to licensees.

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Joint Sunset Committee

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that there was nothing new to report at this time regarding the Joint Sunset Committee. Ms. Courtright advised the Board that the focus of the workshop meetings that are being held prior to the board meetings each month is to establish standards for the use of SLPAs. This is per the JSC recommendations to determine whether the Board should license SLPAs. There may be discussions at a later date regarding the use of Audiology assistants.

Sign Order from Rule to Show Cause Hearing Held January 13, 2010 for Eric Dolinger

This item was tabled until the March meeting.

Sign Order from Rule to Show Cause Hearing Held January 13, 2010 for Karen Bennett

This item was tabled until the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Jemima Pokuaa's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Kristen Foery's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

The Board reviewed Mindy Myer's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to amend the agenda to include the requests for approval of continuing education for Karen Sattem and Terese Cooley. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Michelli, to approve the following continuing education as noted:

Sponsor: University of Delaware

Activity: Keys to Inclusion: Unlocking Potential

Contact Hours: 5 PG

Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the following continuing education as noted:

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Licensee: Elizabeth Polidoro Lucas Sponsor: Appoquinimink School District

Activity: Introduction to Dynavox

Contact Hours: 2 CS

Licensee: Kim Schulenburg Sponsor: CCHS Speech Dept.

Activity: Introduction to the Lingraphica Speech Generating Device

Contact Hours: 1 CS

Licensee: Leia Heckman Sponsor: Easter Seals Activity: DIR/Floortime Model

Contact Hours: 1 CS

Licensee: Elizabeth Polidoro Lucas Sponsor: Dynavox Technologies

Activity: AAC in the Classroom: Building Blocks for Success

Contact Hours: 5 CS

Licensee: Karen Sattem

Sponsor: Institute for Brain Potential

Activity: Understanding Personality Disorders

Contact Hours: 6 CS

Licensee: Terese Cooley Sponsor: Cochlear Americas

Activity: Beyond Hearing Aids: Implantable Hearing Technology

Contact Hours: 2 CS

Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to table the following continuing education for a certificate of attendance or official documentation verifying the course length and time:

Licensees: Doreen Brown, Lindsey Charles, Leia Heckman

Sponsor: Easter Seals

Activity: More Than Words: The Hanen Program for Parents of Children with Autism

Spectrum Disorder Contact Hours: 1

Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education Audit Review

The Board reviewed additional CE documentation submitted by Eileen De Palma. Ms. De Palma was previously found deficient on the audit because she had not provided proof of completion of at least 20 hours of CE during the August 1, 2007 – July 31, 2009 licensure period. The additional documentation Ms. De Palma submitted is a letter from Cape Henlopen School District verifying completion of 12 hours of CE on January 31, 2007 and April 25, 2007, and an ASHA certificate showing that Ms. De Palma attended the November 15 - 17, 2007 Annual Convention. The 12 CE

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hours from Cape Henlopen School District are not valid because they are outside of the licensure period, and the ASHA certificate does not provide verification of the sessions attended or the number of CE hours earned. Therefore; the Board still finds Ms. De Palma deficient and a rule to show cause hearing will be scheduled for her.

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathologist License

The Board reviewed a request for an extension of Jessica Joynes temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Michelli, to approve the request for an extension. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the Board to review.

Other Business before the Board

There was no other business before the Board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to adjourn. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Slaughter

Administrative Specialist II

Shanna Slaughter